

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 10, 2009. Claims 1, 5-7, 9-13, 17, 21, 22, 25-29, 33-41, 43-51, 53-62 and 64-67 were pending in the present application. This Amendment amends claims 1, 17, 33, 43, and 53, and cancels claims 5, 6, 21, 22, 34, 35, 44, 45, 55, and 56 without prejudice, leaving pending in the application claims 1, 7, 9-13, 17, 25-29, 33, 36-41, 43, 46-51, 53, 54, 57-62, and 64-67. Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced by virtue of these amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6, 22, 35, 45, and 56 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter.

Solely in order to expedite prosecution, claims 6, 22, 35, 45, and 56 (and intervening claims 5, 21, 34, 44, and 55) have been canceled without prejudice and the features of these claims have been incorporated into their respective base claims.

Rejections of Claims 1, 5, 7, 12, 13, 17, 21, 28, 29, 33, 34, 36, 40, 41, 43, 44, 46, 50, 51, 53-55, 57, 61, 62, and 64-67

Claims 1, 5, 13, 17, 21, 29, 33, 34, 41, 43, 44, 51, 53-55, and 62 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Wiget et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,640,251, hereinafter "Wiget"). Claims 7, 12, 28, 36, 40, 46, 50, 57, 61, and 64-67 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wiget in view of Lee (U.S. Publication No. 2004/0165600, hereinafter "Lee").

Solely in order to expedite prosecution, independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 5 and 6; independent claim 17 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 21 and 22; independent claim 33 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 34 and 35; independent

claim 43 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 44 and 45; and independent claim 53 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 55 and 56. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims

Applicants note that the amendments to the claims have been made to pursue a speedy allowance, and not as concessions of the merits of the rejections.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

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